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BOOMBARDIERS



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CLASS 43~1





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# CLASS 43-1

Within these covers lie scenes taken from cadet life at Victorville . . . scenes which we hope will recreate in the future a panorama of those we have known incidents associated with them . . . scenes that will reflect all the broad humor and intensive training of our months at Victorville. We present this class book as an effort to preserve these scenes and memories in all their unvarnished simplicity . . . yet with all their poignancy.

— THE STAFF

Victorville

Army

Flying

School

VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

To the bombardiers of 43-1:

Congratulations! You have been trained and tested on the practice field.

You, most of you, soon will face the test in the arena of the greatest game. You will be calling the plays on a bomber. Your teammates — the pilots, the navigators, the gunners — will rely on you to call the plays, calmly and skillfully.

Your audience — the millions of Democracy-loving peoples of the world — will depend on you, that liberty will endure.

Be aware that many hardships lie ahead. Your opponents are strong and resourceful. You'll need intelligence and will, courage and endurance, spirit and prayer, to play this game.

When you come back with victory, be proud to say: "We hit the ball harder than the enemy."

Roy D. Butler  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Commanding



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
A. L. RING**

Col. Ring is Post Executive Officer and is the man who has the last word to say about all business operations on the Post. He is an artilleryman out of World War I and came into this fracas by way of the National Guard. We of 43-1 salute Colonels McVea and Ring.

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
A. J. McVEA**

Col. McVea is director of Training at Victorville Army Flying School and as such was the man responsible for all the studying and flights taken by the cadets shown in this classbook. The Colonel is a West Pointer and sports a senior pilot's wings.



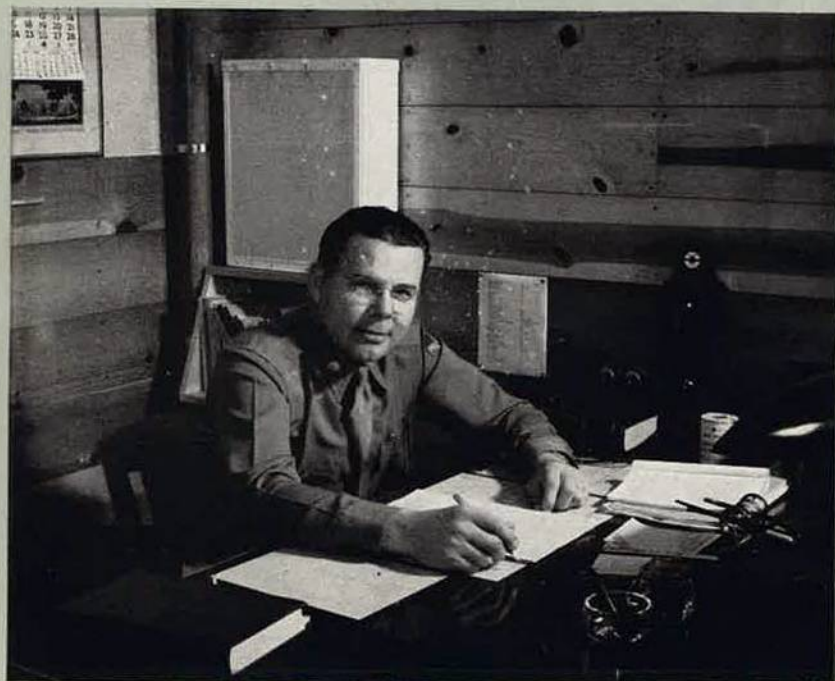


**LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
D. D. TODOROVIC**

The man who keeps the bombardiers bombing at Victorville Army Flying School is Colonel Todorovic. He's the flight surgeon, the man who keeps their Schneider where it should be—between eight and 18. If their heart, blood pressure and respiration rating falls below eight, Colonel Todorovic is the man who wheedles it back up into the proper bracket. And if the cadet finds his right eye does not know what his left eye is doing, it's Colonel Todorovic who hauls him in for a check on his visual accommodation. Colonel Todorovic, like all flight surgeons, is a pilot with several hundred flying hours to his credit. Being a pilot he knows the physical problems of airmen. His has been the brilliantly successful job of finding these problems and erasing them.

**MAJOR ROYAL C. PAYNE**

So you have a head cold, maybe a bum ear. You walk through the door into Major Payne's office and boom, he grounds you for a week. This is "Doc" Payne's job. You can't fool him. Sure, the cadets think it's rough at first, but they soon realize the Major has kept them from having a ruptured ear drum or other serious injuries. He's the man who keeps our little ailments from becoming big ones. He gave us our 6-4's when we came to the field. This was to be sure we were fit to be admitted. From then on he saw to it we remained fit. Maybe you split a lip boxing, or broke a toe playing football, it was all the same to Doc Payne. Nothing was too minute for him to worry over. For these things, for these attentions we'll "drop one in" for Major Payne.







CAPT. PAUL F. KIRKPATRICK  
Post Adjutant

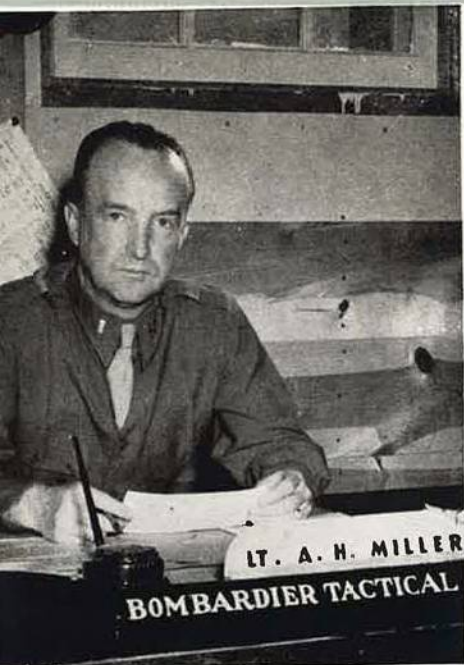


CAPT. LOUIS H. GARRETT  
Assistant Commandant of Cadets

CAPT. C. I. SAMPSON  
School Secretary



CAPTAIN HAROLD M. SKAGGS, JR.  
Commandant of Cadets



LIEUTENANT A. H. MILLER  
Bombardier Tactical Officer



CAPT. O. J. MOSS  
Director of Flight Training

CAPT. VERNON WAELDIN  
Chief Instructor, Bombardier Training



LT. J. H. MURPHY  
Director Bombardier Ground School



# THE CADETS

Remember the days when you were cadets? Remember the days when you were working toward those bars — or are they oak leaves or stars — you wear? Then thumb through this class book and you'll see the men that were with you in those days. You'll see both the officers who instructed you and the lads who suffered and had fun with you. You'll find cartoons which will bring back some of the discipline you learned to take, some of the standing "gags" of your class, your horseplay, your boners, your triumphs.

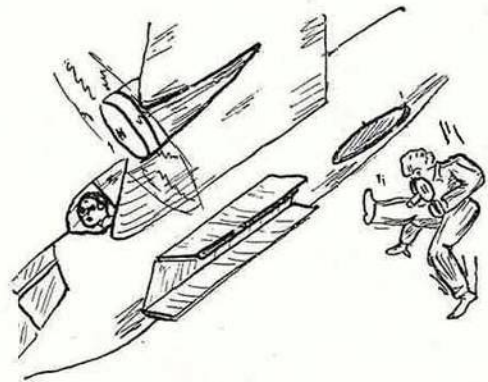
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ALL SET  
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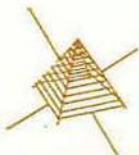
Don't you think Sweeney is a bit  
eager with that camera?



NAVIGATION HOP  
John W. Logan, William B. Lyttle, Robert L. Ice, Jr., Harris H. Luse



GROUNDED  
Heyward E. Moseley, Robert E. Collins, William Coman, Charles E. Konkle





But he said she was his sister!



AND THAT'S BROOKLYN  
John G. Craig, David C. Lee, Lt. Arthur W. Sherran, Reino O. Jylkka



MISSION COMPLETED  
Bill C. Musick, "Geronimo," James E. McCormick, Lt. John L. Kader,  
George A. Miskovsky, Albert J. Nagy, "Pete"



CURTAINS DISARRANGED, DUST ON CHANDELIERS, ETC., ETC.  
Henry Niles Nelson, Jr., John D. Neyland, Daniel O. Ohman,  
James W. O'Connor





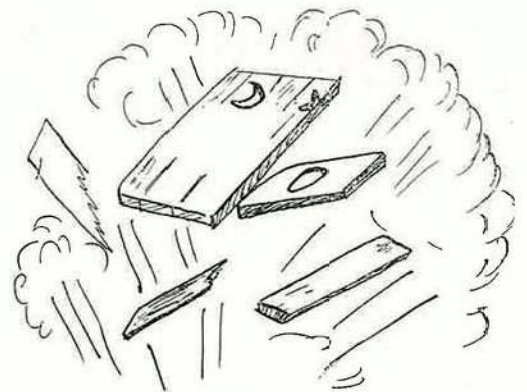
GOING UP FRONT  
John M. Van Horn, George R. Wood, Elroy F. Wyman



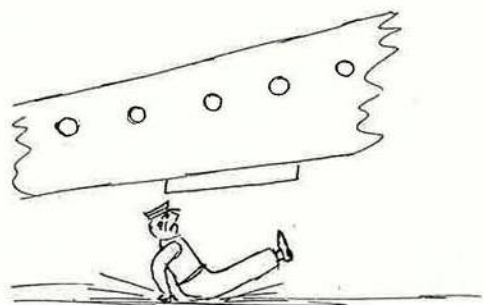
SATURDAY NIGHT  
Richard T. Neary, William F. Neery and gate guards



BRAIN TRUST  
Peter K. Snitzer, George W. Ramelet, Thomas V. Nash,  
Samuel D. Smith, Raleigh E. Phelps



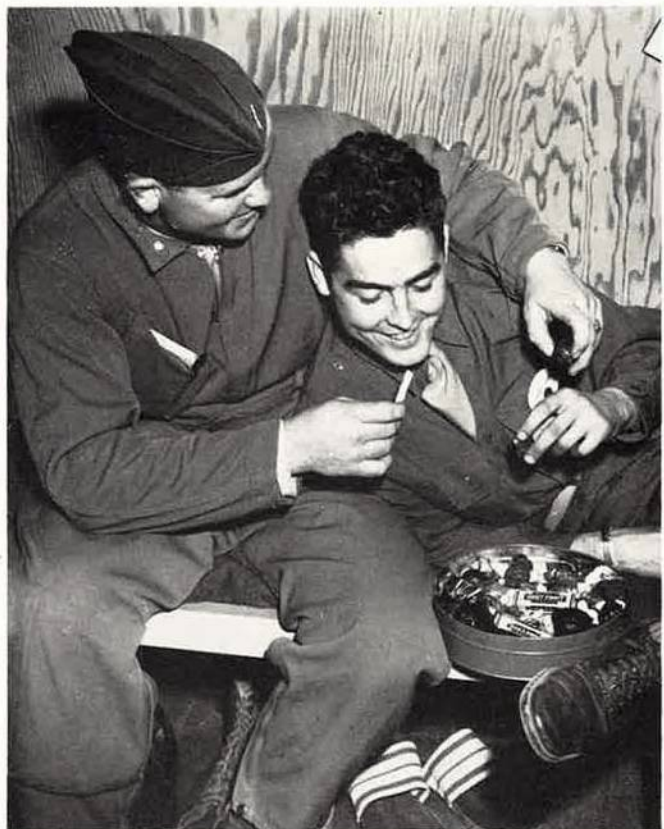
SHOCK, H...L, MR VAN HORN!



*/s This the Salvo Lever Sir?*



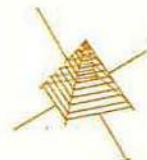
**GET YOUR HEAD OUT**  
David M. Newman, Paul M. Porterfield, Lt. Robert E. Smith,  
William V. McCarthy, Lawrence J. Menard



**HAVE SOME PEPPERMINT.** Truman B. Ball, John G. Craig



**—AND IT COMES OUT HERE**  
Thomas H. Brzozowski, Wilford A. Bloom, Lt. Louis M. Dorrike,  
Myron L. Johnson, George I. Berger

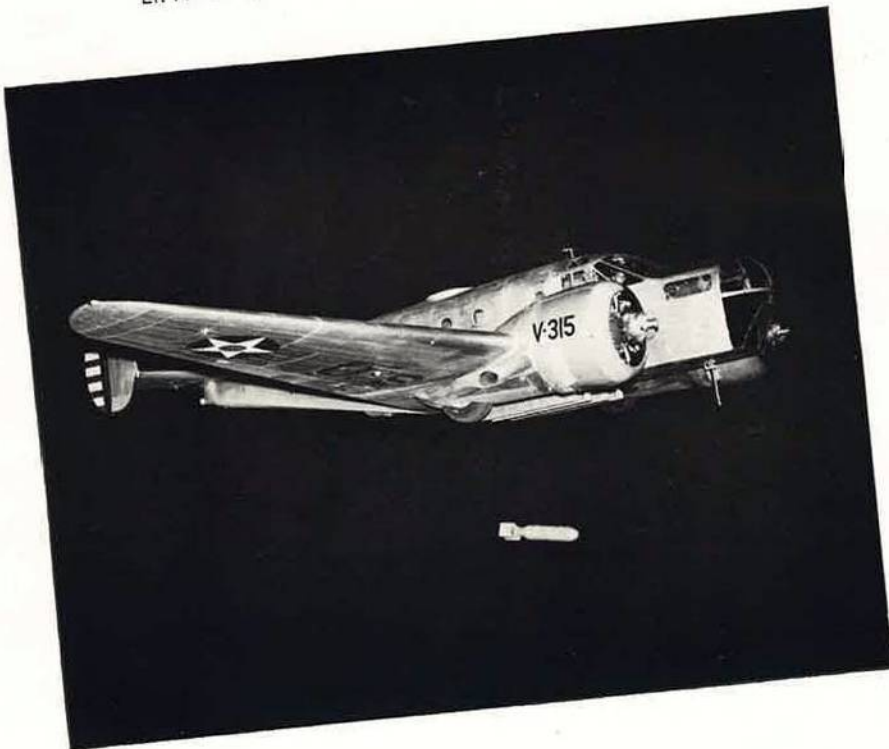




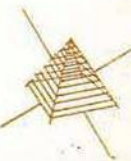
LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS  
Joseph J. Crimmins, Jr., James E. Gentry,  
Lt. Honer H. Helton, Walton A. Hodges



GROUND FLIGHT  
W. L. Johnson, W. H. Collins, Albert Finkelstein



LT. JACK C. COOPER  
Photographic Officer







SO, WE'LL PLOT IT HERE  
 Carl T. Israel, William L. Birne, Edward F. Jacobson,  
 Robert E. Hughes, Warren P. Moss



CHECKING THE LOAD  
 Wade A. Woodke, Seymour S. Mirell



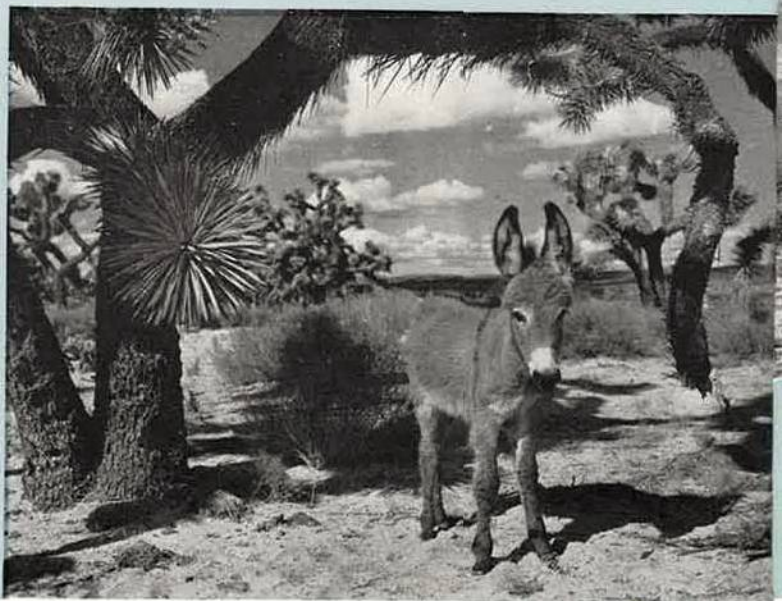
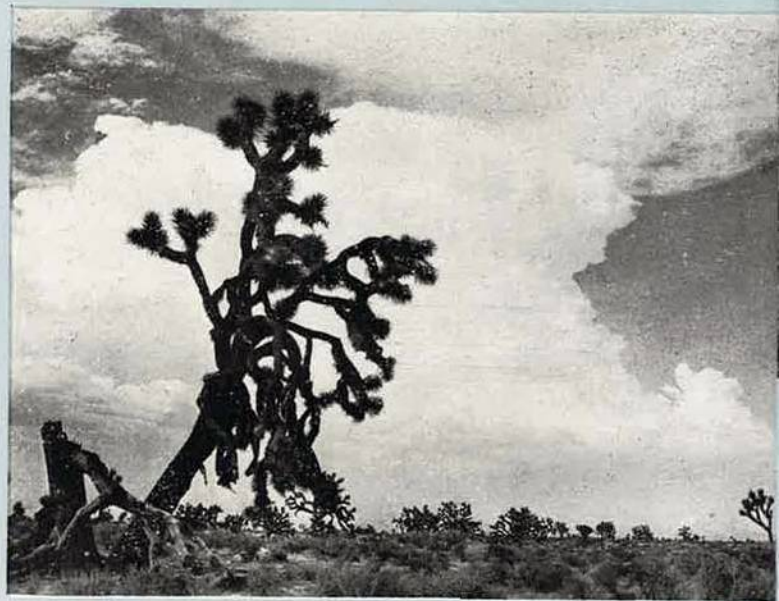
Corporal Fred R. Chandler  
 shot all the groups



"IT MUST BE A B-17"  
 George J. Janicek, Raymond R. LaPorte, Oscar A. Hurst, Richard H. Knop



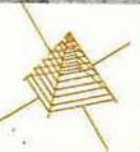
AIR SICK  
"Pete"



Desert Scenes by Lt. Cal Godshall

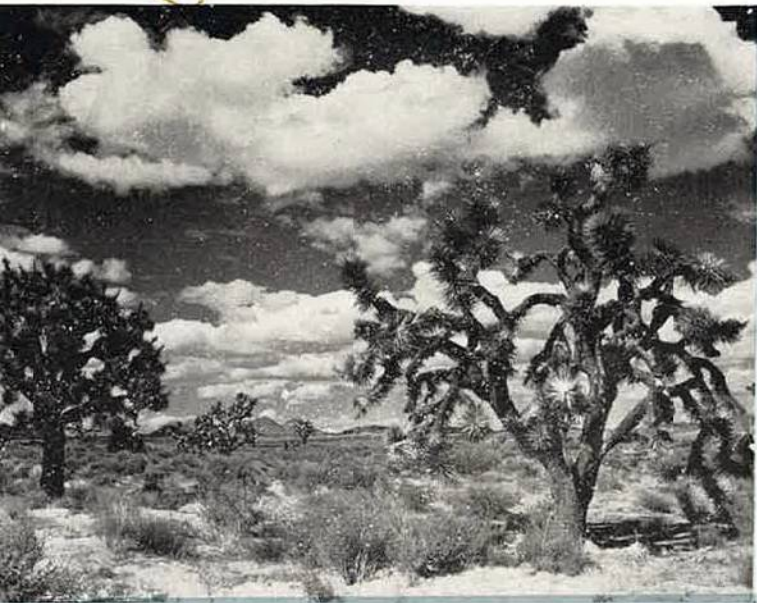


MAJOR JOHN C. EDWARDS  
Deputy Director of Training

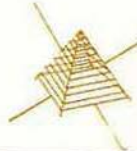




CAPT. JOHN DE PAOLO  
Post Operations Officer



MISSION CANCELLED  
Wm. J. McAloon, Jr.

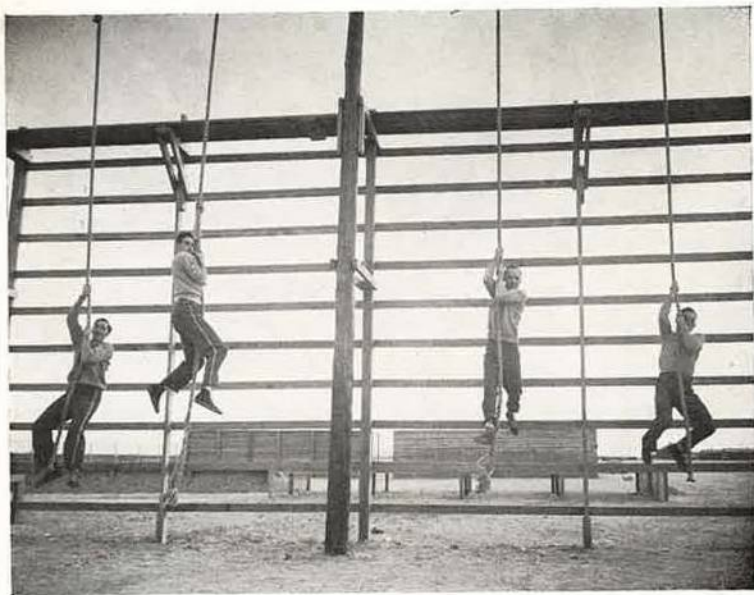




32, 33, 34, 35 . . . . .  
Richard E. Peters, Lt. Ben K. Lewis, Lars F. Schultz,  
Kenreth H. Oppenheimer



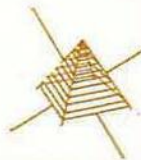
GLAMOUR POSE  
John F. Sherwin, Harold E. Ritch, Daniel F. O'Connor, Robert J. VanCura,  
Robert N. McConnell, Emil R. Maricondo

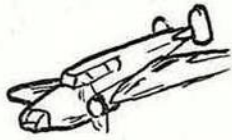
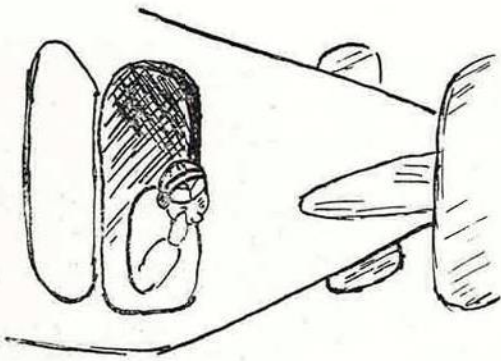


LEARNING THE ROPES  
John D. Neyland, Bill C. Musick, John A. Williams,  
Wiliam V. McCarthy, Jr.



Sin-did you see where  
That last bomb hit?





Hey ,Seebul , Whut's yo' c.E



READY ROOM

John W. Logan, Jack J. Little, Albert Finkestein, Thomas B. La Mon, John F. Sherwin, Kenneth H. Oppenheimer, Edward F. Jacobson, Warren P. Moss



WHERE'S KRIBS?

John Heald, Ralph B. Hayes, James E. Gentry, Jack C. Green, Lt. Fred H. Galbraith



THAT'S OURS

Robert D. Rebel, Richard E. Peters, John W. Newman





HUDDLE

Kenneth F. Hodson, Charles E. Konkle, Walton A. Hodges, Creston C. Herold, Joseph J. Crimmins, Jr.



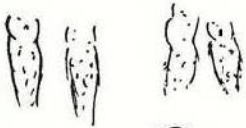
ON THE RAMP

Julius R. Seibel, Albert A. Romano, James J. Rowland, Jr., John V. McGrath



GREEN SPOTS

Capt. Louis H. Garrett, Ernest T. Rogers, Edwin J. White, Jr., Sterling T. Strange, Charles O. Rogers



Well, I'm Darned if I'll Pick it up!





UNDER THE WIRE

William L. Byrne, Benjamin M. Elms, Robert A. Baum, Bernard S. Kananowicz



BOMBS AND BOMBARDIERS

John A. Crawford, Robert E. Collins, Paul E. Gregory, James L. Kraft



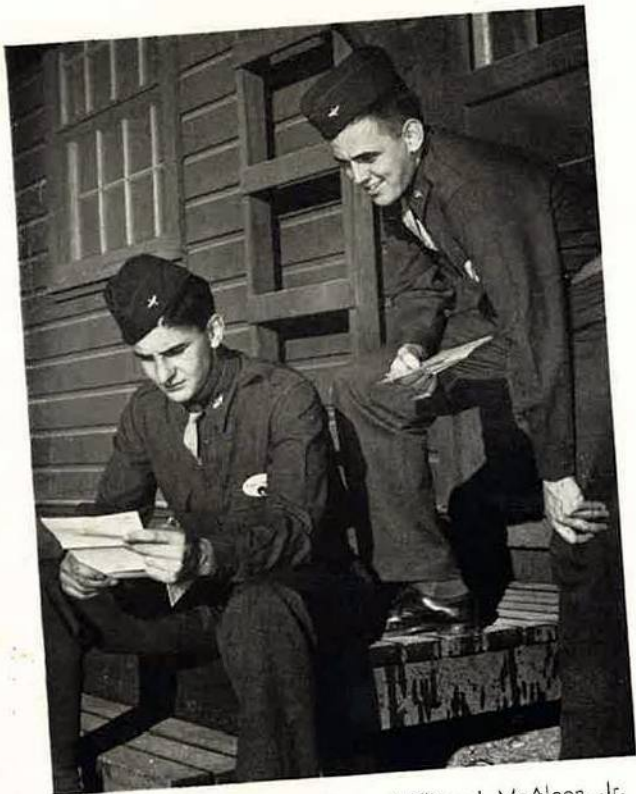
CHOW LINE

William B. Coman, John A. Crawford, William H. Johnson, Jr., James M. Madiara

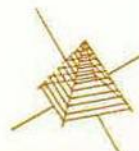
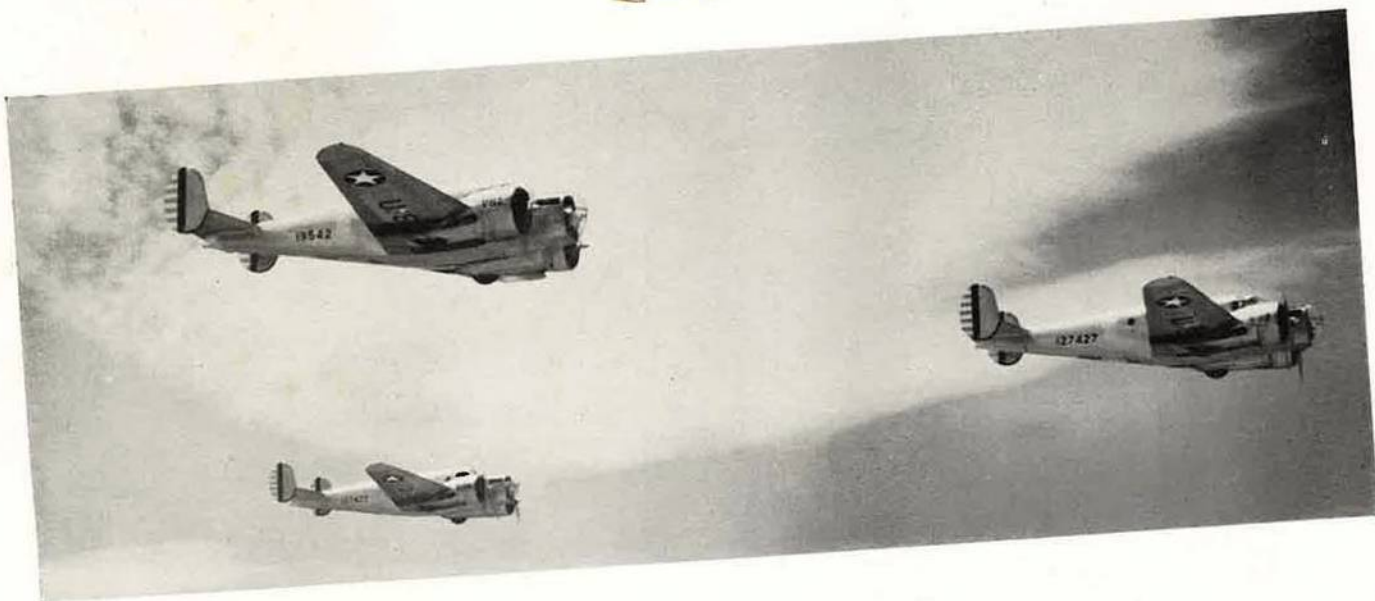


I understand Gilchvest is getting a little desperate over his C.E.





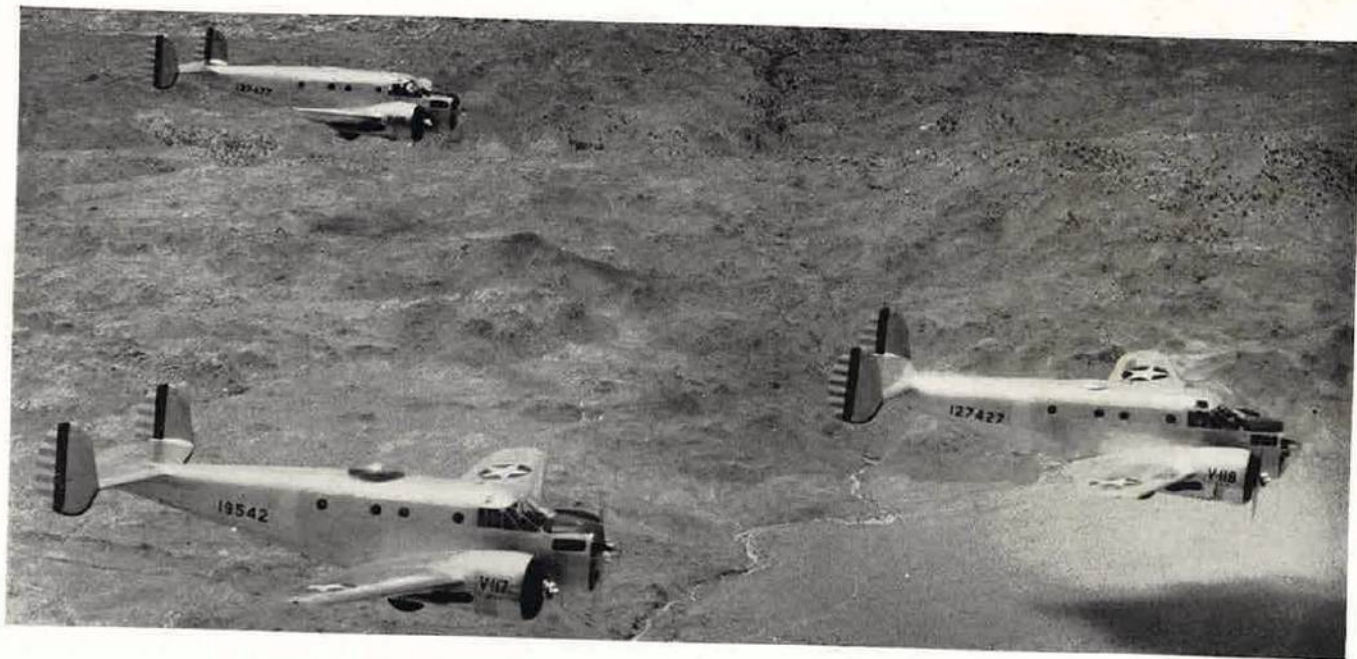
KIBITZING. Alfred G. Vandame, William J. McAloon, Jr.







TWO MAN BULL SESSION. Max Raithe, Leo J. Poladian





FOUR GOOD EGGS  
Robert W. Rasmussen, Lars F. Schultz, Emil R. Maricendo,  
David M. Newman



STUDY HALL  
Robert A. Oleen, Sam F. McIntosh, John B. Morgan,  
James G. McGough



THAT ONE WILL HIT A MILE SHORT  
Jack J. Little, Thomas B. La Mon, William C. Knapp,  
Louis A. Kramer





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STERLING T. STRANGE  
Cartoons



CADET OFFICERS—"A" FLIGHT. Warren P. Moss, Flight Lieutenant; Joseph J. Cimmmins, Flight Sergeant.



CADET OFFICERS—"B" FLIGHT. William V. McCarthy, Flight Lieutenant; James E. McCormick, Flight Sergeant; George R. Wood, Squadron Commander; Max Raithel, Supply Sergeant.





Left to Right: William W. Bonner and Lt. Richard D. Radmore, deceased; William E. Cobane and Harold M. Cooper; Edgar C. Bessels, deceased.

## A TOAST

We toast not the ephemeral glory of men with wings, but rather the solid comradeship of men working together — most of them for their wings and others, already wearing wings, who work with them.

On this page are pictured six such men. Six men who worked together and who worked with us. Four of them are no longer living. While living lustily and hard, while sweating, freezing and learning together, these four men died quickly.

It is this thing they had — this comradeship — which we toast. It is the things we always felt and always will feel for them and for those who go on with us.

This thing was mumbled in the hushed awe of the ready room that Sunday night and Monday morning.

It was in the muggy days of Nashville, it grew and took strength in the dust of Santa Ana, it was cemented in the bombing, ground school and bombing again at Victorville.

It was in the sleepless week-ends of revelry at Los Angeles, and the penetrating silence of the temporarily abandoned barracks. And it was in those barracks when they reawakened Monday morning with the noise of hurried room cleaning, of boisterous talk of city escapades.

This comradeship was in snatches of conversation between men who have come in contact, not through choice, but through necessity. It lay in the understanding and appreciation that grew out of different backgrounds, viewpoints and ambitions.

Thus in our last training days together we toast the comradeship we have known — from the days at Nashville through wings at Victorville. Though the fortunes of war will cast some of us in heroes roles, we will always remember everyone as we know him now.



Lt. R. D. Radmore



Lt. Charles N. Wakefield



A BOMBARDIER'S PRAYER

Aloft I rise to meet the foe;  
On man made wings, I soar  
My battlefield, the fleecy clouds.  
Above the cannons' roar.

The heavens blue are torn apart  
By paths of stinging lead.  
A sight is trained; a trigger pressed;  
Another son is dead.

A victory won? A brave man lost,  
Be he foe or friend.  
A mother weeping, kneels and prays,  
"When will this killing end?"

Some day, perhaps, I'll fill a sight;  
A yellow hand is steady;  
A leaden stream will rip my chest;  
For my God, I'm ready.

Oh, God of Peace, must this go on?  
We have no fear of death.  
By taking us, you torture those  
Who fought to give us breath.

Think you of the bitter tears  
Of Mary at the cross.  
Would not our Mothers grieve as much  
In suffering similar loss?

We'll gain world freedom from this fight,  
Won in fields of gore,  
And, when the world again is sane,  
Please, punish them no more.

Cadet R. T. Neary



